

REMARKS

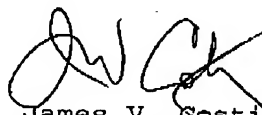
The Examiner is thanked for her courtesy in pointing out the incorrect dependency of claims 45 and 46. These claims have been amended to be dependent on claim 44.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the applicant elects Group II, claims 44-46 with traverse as there is a technical relationship between the separately grouped claims. The species that is elected is the species where the coloring composition and the hardenable resin are mixed together to form a hardenable coloring composition before applying to the porous ceramic substrate. Claims 44-46 are identified as reading on the elected species.

Under the ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT, page AI-58, which is available as Annex B to APPENDIX T of the MPEP, if there is a technical relation between the separately grouped claims, restriction should not be required. In this case, both of the separately grouped claims use a hardenable resin and this is a sufficient technical basis on which to link the claims.

For these reasons, it is requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and an action be given on all claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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